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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Melissa McCormick
Department of Education and Early Development

FROM: Scott Meriwether, Office of the Lieutenant Governor 465.4081 

DATE: February 14, 2018

RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: Board of Education and Early Development

State Board of Education and Early Development regulations re: pupil transportation and update to adopted-by-reference school bus standards (4 AAC 27.110)

Attorney General File:	JU2017200347
Regulation Filed:	2/13/2018
Effective Date:	3/15/2018
Print:	225, April 2018

cc with enclosures: Linda Miller, Department of Law
Judy Herndon, LexisNexis

ORDER CERTIFYING THE CHANGES TO
REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT

The attached three pages of regulations, dealing with school bus standards, are certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the State Board of Education and Early Development adopted at its September 15, 2017, meeting, under the authority of AS 14.07.020, AS 14.07.030, AS 14.07.060, and AS 14.09.010 and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

Although no public comments were received, the State Board of Education and Early Development paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes described in this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

Date: 11/16/17

Sana Efird
Sana Efird, Deputy Commissioner

FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Byron Mallott, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on

February 13, 2018 at 147p.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.

Byron Mallott
Lieutenant Governor

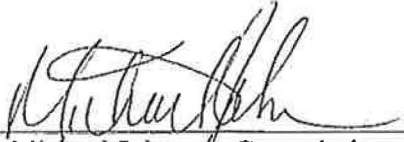
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DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

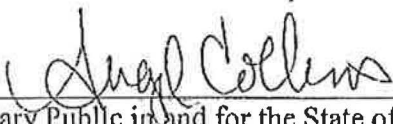
Under AS 44.17.010, the authority and responsibility for adopting regulations of the Department of Education & Early Development under the Alaska Administrative Procedure Act are delegated to Sana Efird, Deputy Commissioner.

Date: 12/13/16

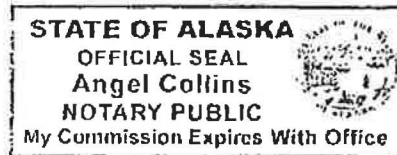


Dr. Michael Johnson, Commissioner

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Juneau, AK on
December 13, 2016.



Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska



4 AAC 27.110 is amended to read:

4 AAC 27.110. Supplementary publications pertaining to pupil transportation. The following handbooks are adopted by reference as the minimum standards for school buses in the state

[Alaska]:

~~1~~(1) [REPEALED 3/24/2007;

(2) REPEALED 3/24/2007;

(3)

~~(1)~~ ~~(3)~~ for school buses manufactured on or after September 11, 1994, but before January 1, 2002 ²

(A) National Standards for School Buses, found on pages [PP.] 1 - 31 of the 1990 National Standards for School Buses and Operations, published by the National Safety Council, 444 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611; and

(B) Minimum Standards for Alaska School Buses, 1994 Revised Edition, published by the department;

(2) [(4)] for school buses manufactured on or after January 1, 2002, but before January 1, 2007 ²

(A) National Specifications for School Buses, found on pages [PP.] 1 - 71 of the National School Transportation Specifications & Procedures, 2000 Revised Edition, published by Missouri Safety Center, Central Missouri State University, Humphreys Suite 201, Warrensburg, Missouri 64093; and

(B) Minimum Standards for Alaska School Buses, 2001 Revised Edition, published by the department;

(3) [(5)] for school buses manufactured on or after January 1, 2007, but before January 1, 2012 ²

(A) National Specifications for School Buses, found on pages 1 - 81 of the National School Transportation Specifications & Procedures, May 2005 Revised Edition, published by Missouri Safety Center, Central Missouri State University, Humphreys Suite 201, Warrensburg, Missouri 64093; and

(B) Minimum Standards for Alaska School Buses, 2006 Revised Edition, published by the department;

(4) [(6)] for school buses manufactured on or after January 1, 2012, but before January 1, 2018 2

(A) National Specifications for School Buses, found on pages 1 - 70 of the National School Transportation Specifications & Procedures, May 2010 Revised Edition, published by Missouri Safety Center, Central Missouri State University, Humphreys Suite 201, Warrensburg, Missouri 64093; and

(B) Minimum Standards for Alaska School Buses, 2011 Revised Edition, published by the department 2

(5) for school buses manufactured on or after January 1, 2018 2

(A) National Specifications for School Buses, found on pages 13 - 81 of the National School Transportation Specifications & Procedures, ^{and} ^{May} 2015 Revised Edition, published by NASDPTS, 5307 Indigo Way, Middleton, WI 53562; and

(B) Minimum Standards for Alaska School Buses, 2017 Revised Edition, published by the department. (In effect before 7/28/59; am 10/8/66, Register

24; am 10/14/68, Register 27; am 5/30/71, Register 38; am 9/14/77, Register 63; am 11/14/80, Register 76; am 12/23/81, Register 80; am 9/11/94, Register 131; am

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Register 225, April 2017 ⁸ EDUCATION AND EARLY DEV ⁵

11/23/2001, Register 160; am 3/24/2007, Register 181; am 6/24/2012, Register 202; am

3 / 15 / 2018, Register 225)

Authority: AS 14.07.020 AS 14.07.060 AS 14.09.010
AS 14.07.030 AS 14.07.070

MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska
Department of Law

To: Hon. Byron Mallott
Lieutenant Governor

Date: February 9, 2018

File No.: JU2017200347

Tel. No.: 465-3600

From: Steven C. Weaver 
Sr. Assistant Attorney General
and Assistant Regulations Attorney
Legislation and Regulations Section

Re: State Board of Education and Early
Development regulations re: pupil
transportation and update to adopted-
by-reference school bus standards
(4 AAC 27.110)

We have reviewed the attached regulations from the State Board of Education and Early Development against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. I have reviewed this project under a specific delegation dated February 9, 2018 from the Regulations Attorney. The regulations update adopted-by-reference standards for school buses.

We find no legal problems with the regulations. This memorandum constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to file the rest of the attached regulations.

The June 19, 2017 public notice and the November 16, 2017 certification of adoption order both state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.195 is not required.

Hon. Byron Mallott, Lieutenant Governor
Our file: JU2017200347

February 9, 2018
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We have made some technical corrections to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.125. The corrections are shown on the attached copy of the regulations.

SCW

cc w/enc: (via email)

Hon. Dr. Michael Johnson, Commissioner
Department of Education and Early Development

Melissa McCormick, Regulations Contact
Department of Education and Early Development

Luann E.B. Weyhrauch, Assistant Attorney General
Labor and State Affairs Section

MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska Department of Law

TO: Hon. Byron Mallott
Lieutenant Governor

DATE: February 9, 2018

FILE NO.: JU2017200347

TELEPHONE NO.: (907) 465-3600

FROM: Susan R. Pollard *SRP*
Chief Assistant Attorney General
and Regulations Attorney
Legislation/Regulations Section

SUBJECT: Specific delegation of authority
regarding regulations review on
State Board of Education and
Early Development regulations
re: pupil transportation and
update to adopted-by-reference
school bus standards (4 AAC
27.110)

By this memorandum, I am delegating my authority as Regulations Attorney under AS 44.62 to Assistant Attorney General Steven C. Weaver for the above-referenced regulations project. Under this delegation of authority, Steven Weaver has my full authority under AS 44.62 to conduct the legal review under AS 44.62 and take necessary actions on this regulations project.

If you have questions, please let me know.

SCW

cc w/enc: Scott C. Meriwether, AAC Coordinator
Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Steven C. Weaver
Sr. Assistant Attorney General and
Assistant Regulations Attorney
Legislation/Regulations Section

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO
SCHOOL BUS STANDARDS IN REGULATIONS OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: The proposed regulation adopts the most recent state and national standards for school buses that are manufactured on or after January 1, 2018.

The Department of Education and Early Development proposes to adopt regulation changes to Title 4 of the Alaska Administrative Code dealing with pupil transportation, including the following:

4 AAC 27.110 is proposed to be amended to adopt by reference the 2015 revised edition of *National School Transportation Specifications and Procedures* and adopt by reference the 2017 revised edition of *Minimum Standards for Alaska School Buses*. The standards would apply to school buses manufactured on or after January 1, 2018.

The Department of Education and Early Development invites the public to submit written comments during the written comment period, which begins with the date of this notice and ends on August 7, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. The written comment period closes in advance of the meeting of the State Board of Education and Early Development at which the board will consider the adoption of the proposed regulations. This allows the Department of Education and Early Development an opportunity to prepare changes based on written comment and to distribute any proposed changes to the board for its consideration prior to the meeting.

You may comment in writing on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to the Commissioner's Office, Department of Education and Early Development, Attn: Regulations Review, 801 West Tenth Street, Suite 200, PO Box 110500, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0500.

You also may submit written comments by facsimile at (907) 465-4156; by electronic mail to shawn.sypeck@alaska.gov and online at the website of the Department of Education and Early Development at <https://education.alaska.gov/regs/comment.cfm>. Written comments also may be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System by accessing this notice on the system and using the comment link.

All written comments must be received not later than 4:30 p.m. August 7, 2017.

After the written comment period has ended, you may submit oral comments to the State Board of Education and Early Development at a hearing to be held by the board on September 14, 2017. The hearing will be held from 9:10 a.m. to 10:10 a.m. but may be extended to accommodate those present before 9:00 a.m. who have not had an opportunity to comment before 10:10 a.m.

You may submit oral comments at this hearing, during this time only, via the Legislative Information Office streaming by calling 1-844-586-9085 if you are outside of Juneau. For participation from Juneau, call 586-9085.

ADDITIONAL REGULATION NOTICE INFORMATION
(AS 44.62.190(d))

1. Adopting agency: Department of Education and Early Development
2. General subject of regulation: school bus safety
3. Citation of regulation (may be grouped): 4 AAC 27.110
4. Department of Law file number, if any: JU2017200347

5. Reason for the proposed action:

- () Compliance with federal law or action (identify):
() Compliance with new or changed state statute
() Compliance with federal or state court decision (identify):
(X) Development of program standards
() Other (identify):

6. Appropriation/Allocation: None

7. Estimated annual cost to comply with the proposed action to:

A private person: none.

Another state agency: none.

A municipality: The new bus standards could increase the cost of buying school buses manufactured on or after January 1, 2018.

8. Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding (in thousands of dollars): none

	Initial Year FY 18	Subsequent Years
Operating Cost	\$ 0	\$
Capital Cost	\$ 0	\$
1002 Federal receipts	\$ 0	\$
1003 General fund match	\$ 0	\$
1004 General fund	\$ 0	\$
1005 General fund/ program	\$ 0	\$
Other (identify)	\$ 0	\$

9. The name of the contact person for the regulation:

Name: Elwin Blackwell

Title: Director, School Finance

Address: 801 W. 10th Street, Suite 200, Juneau, Alaska

Telephone: 907-465-2970

E-mail address: elwin.blackwell@alaska.gov

10. The origin of the proposed action:

☒ Staff of state agency

☐ Federal government

☐ General public

☐ Petition for regulation change

☐ Other (identify): _____

11. Date: June 16, 2017 Prepared by: _____

Name: Eric Fry

Title: Information Officer/Regulations Contact

Telephone: 907-465-2851

You also may submit oral comment by visiting your local Legislative Information Office (LIO). The following LIO's will participate: Anchorage, 716 W 4th Ave., Suite 100; Bethel, 301 Willow St.; Fairbanks, 1292 Sadler Way, Suite 308; Juneau, Room 111 Terry Miller Bldg.; Kenai, 145 Main St. Loop, Suite 217; Ketchikan, 1900 First Ave., Suite 310; Kodiak, 305 center Ave., Suite 1; Mat-Su, 600 E Railroad Ave.; Nome 103 Front St.; Seward, 302 Railway Suite 107; and Sitka, 201 Katlian St., Suite 103.

This meeting will be streamed through the Legislative Information Office over <http://www.alaskalegislature.tv/> beginning at 9:00 a.m. September 14 and 15, 2017 (audio only).

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Shawn Sypeck at shawn.sypeck@alaska.gov or the Department of Education and Early Development, Attn: Shawn Sypeck, 801 West 10th Street, Suite 200, PO Box 110500, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0500. If a question is relevant to the proposed change in the regulations and the question is received by July 28, 2017, which is 10 days before the end of the public comment period, the department will make a good-faith effort to answer the question before the end of the public comment period. The Department of Education and Early Development will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and on the website of the Department of Education and Early Development at <https://education.alaska.gov/regs/comment.cfm>.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Shawn Sypeck at 907-465-2802 or shawn.sypeck@alaska.gov not later than September 7, 2017, to ensure that any necessary accommodation can be provided.

Copies of the proposed regulation changes are available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System, on the website of the Department of Education and Early Development at <https://education.alaska.gov/regs/comment.cfm>, and by contacting Shawn Sypeck at shawn.sypeck@alaska.gov or 907-465-2802.

The 2015 revised edition of *National School Transportation Specifications and Procedures* is available at: <http://www.nasdpts.org/ncstonline/Documents/NCST%202015%20Specifications%20and%20Procedures%2011.1.16.pdf>

The 2017 revised edition of *Minimum Standards for Alaska School Buses* is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System as a PDF attachment to this notice and on the website of the Department of Education and Early Development at <https://education.alaska.gov/regs/comment.cfm> and by contacting Shawn Sypeck at shawn.sypeck@alaska.gov or 907-465-2802.

After the public comment period ends, the Department of Education and Early Development will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulation may be different from that of the proposed regulation. You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected.

Statutory authority: AS 14.07.060, AS 14.09.010

Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific: AS 14.07.020, AS 14.07.030, AS 14.09.010

Fiscal information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

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being first duly sworn on oath deposes and
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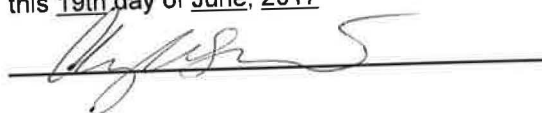
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Signed



Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 19th day of June, 2017



Notary Public in and for
The State of Alaska.
Third Division
Anchorage, Alaska
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES

4/14/21

ANGELA M SIMMONS
NOTARY PUBLIC
State of Alaska
My Commission Expires Apr. 14, 2021

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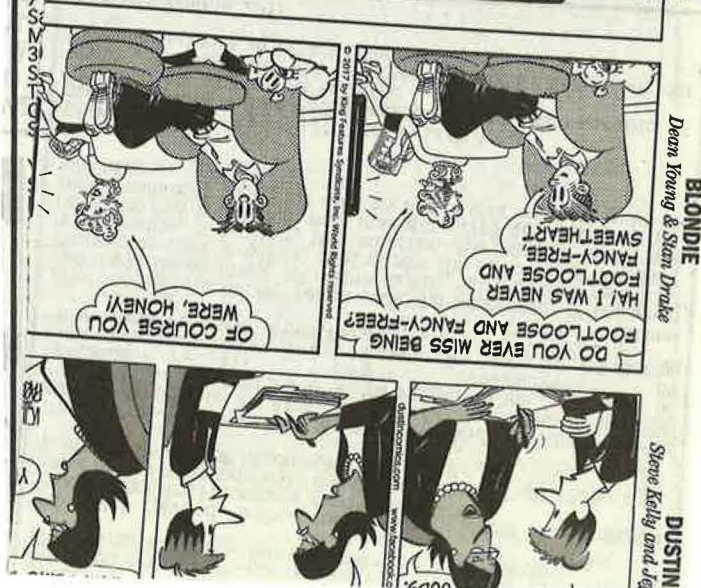
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AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION
AND FURNISHING OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

I, Erin Hardin, Information Officer for the Department of Education and Early Development, being sworn, state the following:

As required by AS 44.62.190, notice of the proposed regulation changes to 4 AAC 27.110 school bus standards has been given by being

- (1) published in a newspaper or trade publication;
- (2) furnished to interested persons;
- (3) furnished to appropriate state officials;
- (4) furnished to the Department of Law, along with a copy of the proposed regulation;
- (5) furnished electronically to incumbent State of Alaska legislators;
- (6) furnished to the Legislative Affairs Agency, Division of Legal and Research Services;
- (7) posted on the Alaska Online Public Notice System as required by AS 44.62.175(a)(1) and (b) and 44.62.190(a)(1);
- (8) furnished electronically, along with a copy of the proposed regulation, to the Legislative Affairs Agency, the chair of the Education Committee of the Alaska Senate and House of Representatives, the Administrative Regulation Review Committee, and the legislative council.

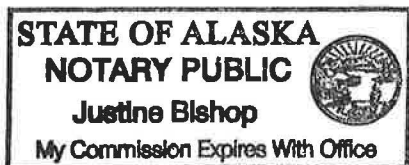
As required by AS 44.62.190, additional regulation notice information regarding the proposed adoption of the regulation changes described above has been furnished to interested persons and those in (5) and (6) of the list above. The additional regulation notice information also has been posted on the Alaska Online Public Notice System.

Date: 11/16/17


Erin Hardin, Information Officer

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Juneau, Alaska on November 16, 2017.


Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska



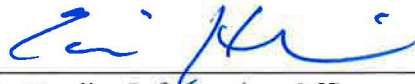
AFFIDAVIT OF ORAL HEARING

I, Erin Hardin, Information Officer for the Department of Education and Early Development, being sworn, state the following:

On September 14, 2017, at 1:35 p.m. by audio conference and in the state board room at 801 West 10th Street, Juneau, Alaska, a public hearing presided over by the State Board of Education and Early Development was held under AS 44.62.210 for the purpose of taking oral testimony in connection with the adoption of changes to 4 AAC 27.110 school bus standards, and via telephone by 1-844-586-9085, and through the following LIO sites: Anchorage, 716 W 4th Ave., Suite 100; Bethel, 301 Willow Street; Fairbanks, 1292 Sadler Way, Suite 308; Juneau, Suite 111, Terry Miller Building, State Capitol; Kenai, 145 Main Street Loop, Suite 217; Ketchikan, 1900 First Avenue, Suite 310; Kodiak, 305 Center Ave., Suite 1; Mat-Su, 600 East Railroad Ave.; Nome, 103 Front Street; Seward, 302 Railway, Suite 107; and Sitka, 201 Katlian Street, Suite 103.

Date: _____

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Erin Hardin, Information Officer

Subscribed and sworn to before me at _____

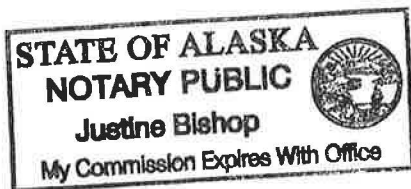
Juneau, Alaska

on

November 16, 2017.



Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska



AFFIDAVIT OF AGENCY RECORD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

I, Erin Hardin, Information Officer for the Department of Education and Early Development, being sworn, state the following:

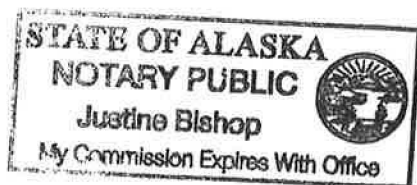
The Department of Education and Early Development did not receive any factual or other substantive information that was submitted in writing or orally as public comment and that was relevant to the accuracy, coverage, or other aspect of the Department of Education and Early Development regulation on school bus standards.

Date: 11/16/17

Erin Hardin
Erin Hardin, Information Officer

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Tuneau, Alaska on
November 16, 2017

Justine Bishop
Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska



AFFIDAVIT OF BOARD ACTION

I, Erin Hardin, Information Officer for the Department of Education and Early Development, being sworn, state the following:

The attached motion dealing with school bus standards, was passed by the State Board of Education and Early Development during its September 15, 2017, meeting.

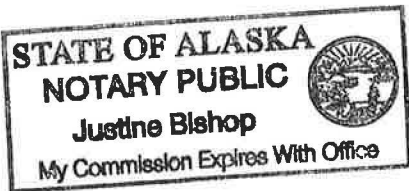
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Erin Hardin
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Subscribed and sworn to before me at Juneau, Alaska on

November 16, 2017

Justine Bishop
Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska



State Board of Education and Early Development Meeting
September 15, 2017
Excerpt from Unapproved Minutes

Sue Hull moved and Dr. Hamilton seconded the following motion: I move the State Board of Education and Early Development adopt the proposed amendments to 4 AAC 27.110 Supplementary publications pertaining to pupil transportation. The motion passed unanimously.